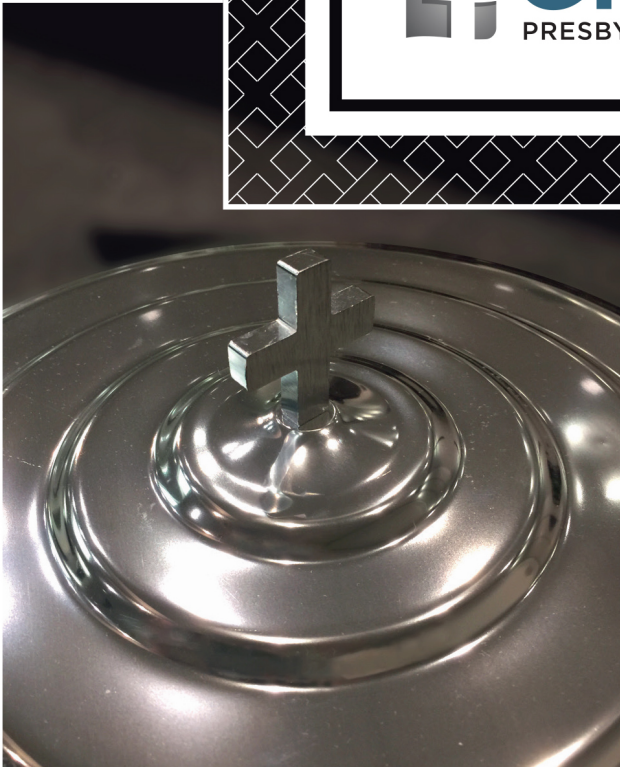




 **GRACE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 22, 2025

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.  
For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Psalm 57:9-10**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing\***

**Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 146 (p. 839 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Praise the LORD.

**Praise the LORD, O my soul.**

I will praise the LORD all my life;

**I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.

**When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—  
the LORD, who remains faithful forever.**

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

**The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind,**

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

**The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow,  
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

**Praise the LORD.**

*\* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

*The pastor will read the plain text; the congregation will read the bold text.*

***O Father, You Are Sovereign***

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;  
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.  
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,  
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;  
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan.  
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,  
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,  
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.  
All evil over-ruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,  
Your love pursues its purpose—our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,  
But soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.  
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:  
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you! Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Gracious God, we believe that your Law is holy, and your commandments are righteous and good. Your Law reveals our sin and how desperately we need your saving grace.

**All:** The Third Commandment of your Law is, "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

**Leader:** We confess that we have broken this commandment by not treating your name with the honor and reverence that you deserve. We have been distracted in worship and in our prayers and Bible reading this week. We are ashamed and sorry for how we have sinned against you.

**All:** Forgive us and guide our thoughts, words, and deeds to be in conformity to what is glorifying and pleasing to you. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to honor and serve you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Exodus 23:1-9

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 19

### *Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!*

Thee we adore, eternal Lord! We praise thy name with one accord.  
Thy saints, who here thy goodness see, through all the world do worship thee,  
Through all the world do worship thee.

To thee aloud all angels cry, the heav'ns and all the pow'rs on high:  
Thee, holy, holy, holy King, Lord God of Hosts, they ever sing,  
Lord God of Hosts, they ever sing.

Apostles join the glorious throng, and prophets swell th'immortal song;  
Thy martyrs' noble army raise eternal anthems to thy praise,  
Eternal anthems to thy praise.

From day to day, O Lord, do we exalt and highly honor thee!  
Thy name we worship and adore, world without end, forevermore,  
World without end, forevermore. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 1.** *What is the chief end of man?*

**A.** Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

**Q. 2.** *What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?*

**A.** The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

**Q. 3.** *What do the Scriptures principally teach?*

**A.** The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

### Gloria Patri\*

Hymn 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

### Lord's Prayer\*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

❖ *Tithes and offerings may be placed in the box at the entrance to the sanctuary or given online through our church's website.*

# THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading\*

James 3:1-12

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 117])

Hymn 7

## *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song;  
To every land the strains belong.  
In cheerful sound all voices raise  
And fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends your word.  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Ninth Commandment: Speak the Truth in Love”  
Exodus 20:16

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 679

### *’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;  
Just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”  
*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!*  
*Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more.*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me ’neath the healing, cleansing flood!  
*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!*  
*Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more.*

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.  
*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!*  
*Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more.*

I’m so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.  
*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!*  
*Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more. Amen.*

**Benediction\***

**Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One, O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.





# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.*

## **Monday, June 23**

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:18 - 5:27; Acts 15:1-35; Psalm 141:1-10; Proverbs 17:23

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 5

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

## **Tuesday, June 24**

Scripture: 2 Kings 6:1 - 7:20; Acts 15:36 - 16:15; Psalm 142:1-7; Proverbs 17:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 94

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

## **Wednesday, June 25**

Scripture: 2 Kings 8:1 - 9:13; Acts 16:16-40; Psalm 143:1-12; Proverbs 17:26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 95

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Western Sahara and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, June 26**

Scripture: 2 Kings 9:14 - 10:31; Acts 17:1-34; Psalm 144:1-15; Proverbs 17:27-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 96

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

## **Friday, June 27**

Scripture: 2 Kings 10:32 - 12:21; Acts 18:1-22; Psalm 145:1-21; Proverbs 18:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 97

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.

The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

## **Saturday, June 28**

Scripture: 2 Kings 13:1 - 14:29; Acts 18:23 - 19:12; Psalm 146:1-10; Proverbs 18:2-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 98

Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

## **Sunday, June 29**

Scripture: 2 Kings 15:1 - 16:20; Acts 19:13-41; Psalm 147:1-20; Proverbs 18:4-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 99

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

## **MISSIONS CORNER**

*Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.*

**Ray & Michele Call in Belize**

**Dave Eby in Uganda**

**Christ Bible Institute in Japan**

**The Shepherd's Church in Riverside**

## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

The foundation of the Ninth Commandment is that God is truthful, so we as his people must be truthful. This means that our thoughts, words, and deeds should reveal that we love God and want to reflect his truthfulness in the world. This is not easy to do. We live in a world that continues to be corrupted by Satan's lies and the ongoing effects of the curse of sin. Even when Jesus was on earth, Satan attacked him with lies. For example, when Jesus was in the wilderness, Satan tempted him by twisting God's Word, just as he had tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden. However, Jesus remained steadfast to the truth because he is the Truth. As a result, when we believe in him, we pass over from death to life and have the assurance of eternal life. Philip Ryken, in his commentary on Exodus, writes:

Our testimony is that we are unrighteous, that there is no way we could ever be saved apart from the grace of God in Jesus Christ. The real truth about us is that we are so guilty that the very Son of God had to be crucified to pay for our sins. If this is true, then why would we ever pretend to be anything more than sinners saved by grace? To act like we have it spiritually together is a lie. But even more it is a denial of the grace of God, which alone has the power to save us... Something wonderful happens when we're willing to confess the real truth about ourselves and all our sin. What happens is that we are able to see the real truth about Jesus and what he has done for our salvation. It is only when we tell the truth about our sin that we are able to see how much we need a Savior—the Savior who said, “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32).

Go to [www.opc.org/lc.html](http://www.opc.org/lc.html) to access a copy of the Westminster Larger Catechism:

1. For review, read the first eight commandments. Based on what you can recall from the sermons on these commandments, how did Christ keep them during his earthly ministry?
2. Read Larger Catechism Q/A 144. How do you seek to keep this commandment in your life? What are some of the changes you need to make in your life so that you can be more consistent in doing what this commandment requires?
3. Read Larger Catechism Q/A 145. As you consider what this commandment forbids, how does the Catechism help you understand what James teaches in James 3:9-10?
4. How did Christ keep the Ninth Commandment during his earthly ministry? What do you learn from his example, and how does his example help you better understand how to speak, act, and think according to truth?



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